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[The capercaillie is rather under process of naturalization than naturalized. The systematic name of the spurious grous is Tetrao hybridus of Linneus, Sparmann, Pennant, Fleming, Gray, &c. &c.; Tetrao medius of Meyer, Temminck, Nauman, Jenyns, Brehm, Yarrell, &c. &c.; Tetrao intermedius of Langds. Keys. and Wirbelth. &c. &c.—*E. N.*]

Correction of an Error.—I have been informed by the Rev. J. F. Dawson, that the insect recorded by me (Zool. 3186), is not Peryphus maritimus but Tachypus pallidipennis: would you have the kindness therefore to correct the mistake? I regret that it should have occurred, but having no other book to guide me, save Stephens' Manual, and finding the description and the insect resembling each other, I was induced to call it by the former name.—*John Scott; London Works, Renfrew, October* 13, 1851.

Correction of an Error in this Number.—In my notice of insects taken at Claydon (Zool. 3287), Sesia Bombyliformis should be S. Fuciformis.—*H. Harpur Crewe; Drayton Lodge, Tring.*

On the late appearance of Macroglossa Stellatarum.—I saw a specimen of this insect hovering over verbenas, about five in the afternoon of the 10th of October of this year.—*P. H. Newnham; Farnham, October* 26, 1851.

On the Occurrence of Heliothis dipsacea at Farnham.—My brother saw this insect in profusion on our heaths, on the 21st of June and a few following days. He did not then know what it was, but was with me on the 5th of July, when I captured a pair, which he recognized as the same insect. My specimens were much injured, and were the only ones I could find, their season being past. Crambus Warringtonellus appeared in the utmost profusion this year: I had only taken four specimens previously. —*Id.*

Inquiry respecting the Larvæ of Sesiæ.—Can any of the readers of the 'Zoologist' give me any information as to the habits of the larvæ of Sesia Bombyliformis and S. Fuciformis; have they taken either of them in England?—*H. Harpur Crewe; Claydon, Bucks, September* 17, 1851.

[The larvæ of Sesia Fuciformis, *Linn.*, feeds upon the common honeysuckle, upon which plant I have frequently found them. They are full grown early in August, and form a slight cocoon on the surface of the ground by drawing decayed leaves together, and the perfect insects appear in May. The larva of S. Bombyliformis feeds upon scabious (*Scabiosa succisa*) and has frequently been found in this country, but I have never met with it, as this species is very rare in this neighbourhood.—*Henry Doubleday; Epping, October* 6, 1851.]

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